

Draft of a Letter proposed
to be written by Mr Erskine
Chancellor of the Duchy of
Cornwall by order of H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales June the
2^d. 1804 to the Lord High
Chancellor.

My Lord
I am commanded
by H. R. H. the P. of Wales
to express to Y. d. the
uneasiness H. R. H. feels
at having been two days
without receiving from Y. d.
any account of the state of
the King's Health, which
from the private conversation
H. R. H. had with Y. d.
on Thursday last He had
been led to expect.

I have further received
H. R. H. commands to inform
Y. d. that under the very
extraordinary circumstance
H. R. H. understands to exist
of the King's continuing to be
attended by Doctor Simmonds
and People of His appointment
at a time when His Majesty
has so long been ^{said to be} well and
executes the Royal Functions,
H. R. H. feels it a Duty which
His filial affection for His
Majesty

Majesty no less than the
public Situation in which
His Health has placed him
call upon Him to perform,
to enquire why and by what
authority, His Father and
His Sovereign acting as such
is kept under any Restraint?

H. R. H. thinks that G. L.
as the first officer of the
Crown is the proper Person
to whom he should address
these Enquiries. and altho
H. R. H. has for a long while
remained satisfied with
such private Information
as G. L. has ^{at} sometimes
~~communicated~~ ^{received} ~~inter-~~ ^{con-}
= ~~mitted~~ ^{cerning} the King's Health, in
the Hope that H. M. would
soon recover and be restored
to the free exercise of all
His Rights & Powers, yet
when He finds so unconstitutional
a system seemingly establishing
as that of a King performing
the Royal Functions being
kept under the Eye of
Persons whose Presence cannot
leave Him the free use of His
will & Pleasure, H. R. H.
deems it necessary for him
no longer to remain confined
to

The H. M. M.

to private communications
 but publicly as Prince of
 Wales ^{require} to call upon G. C. and
 the Rest of H. M. Ministers
 for a satisfactory explanation
 of so very extraordinary a
 proceeding. and for this
 purpose H. M. H. deems it
 necessary that a full statement
 of all material circumstances
 relative to the King's Health
 and Treatment for these
 four months past should be
 reduced into writing by those
 who have attended H. M.'s
 person during that period
 and laid before Doctor Simmonds
 and the Rest of H. M.'s Physicians
 who should be required fully
 to state their opinion in
 writing, whether the attendance
 of any Person whose presence
 may imply or cony with it
 any sort of Restraint on His
 Majesty's Liberty, be any longer
 necessary or advisable.
 That if not, they may be
 instantly dismissed. But if
 the opinion of Dr Simmonds
 should be that such attendance
 ought to be continued, such
 opinion and the Grounds on
 which it is founded should
 be laid before H. M.'s privy
 Council

council at which all the
Members should be required
to attend, and the Examination
there taken upon oath should
form the Grounds of such
Proceedings as the Council
may deem necessary.

The Prince is persuaded
that G. L. and the Rest of
H. M. Ministers will feel
how very delicate H. R. H.'s
situation must be in a
Business of this Sort. If the
King is not perfectly recovered
He must feel anxious that
every Facility which the
medical Gentlemen, but more
especially those who are
^{most} acquainted with the
nature of the Disorder shall
think best calculated to
obtain a perfect and lasting
Cure. or if they pronounce
H. M. to be now perfectly
well H. R. H. cannot feel
satisfied that His Father
should be kept under any
Restraint. H. R. H. therefore
wishes for the present to
confine himself to a
Recommendation to G. L.
and the Rest of H. M. Ministers
to proceed in the most regular
Manner

manner in a Business which
 from its infinite Importance
 to the Person of the King,
 to the Constitution, and to
 the Country under its present
 most alarming situation
 requires to be treated ^{with} the
 most solemn ~~manner~~ ^{attention}.

But at the same Time
 H. R. H. deems it indispensible
 for Him to require to be
 officially informed of all
 the Proceedings that have
 taken Place or may be had
 on this occasion. For H. R. H.
 cannot consent that the Respair
 H. M. is supposed to be under
 should be continued by
 Individuals who can have
 no authority to justify such
 a Measure, or be satisfied
 himself to remain unconsulted
 and even unacquainted as
 He has been of the Grounds
 on which such a Procedure
 has taken place ~~and~~ which
 affects his dearest Interests.

H. R. H. therefore desires
 that G. C. will attend him
~~with~~ the full Information
 which H. R. H. has a right
 to expect on such an
 occasion.

to receive from

Original letter
proposed to be
written by Mr.
Barkin, Chairman
to the Duchy of
Cornwall